

Executive Chamber,

Annapolis, Md., April 28th, 1904.

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was held this date at 12:30 p. m. Present; The Governor, Comptroller and Treasurer.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which on motion were approved as read.

The Governor reported that in accordance with the resolution adopted at the last meeting he had paid Miss Katharine McDonnell salary for two months, (February and March) as Clerk to the Board of Public Works.

On motion of the Comptroller, seconded by the Treasurer, it was ordered that the bills of A. E. Leffler for \$100.00 and T. Frank Miles for \$150.00, for extra service rendered, be paid, with the understanding, however, that no further charges of the character shall be paid by the Board.

Mr. C. R. Sykes of Ellicott City, Howard County, Maryland appeared before the Board to urge his claim for appointment as State Auditor.

On motion of the Comptroller seconded by the Treasurer it was Ordered, That the Comptroller and Treasurer who have the custody of the stock of the Commercial and Farmers National Bank owned by the State of Maryland, deliver the same to the said Bank and take in lieu thereof fifty per cent of the original holding. Provided, however, that the Attorney General gives his opinion that this can be legally done, and that the Comptroller be authorized and directed to secure, in writing, from the Attorney General his opinion that this can be legally done, which opinion shall be spread upon the minutes of this Board.

The Secretary was instructed to notify the Bank of the action taken in this matter.

The Board opened and considered bids of the following named parties for cleaning up the sites of the burned State Tobacco Warehouses cleaning and piling the bricks and half bricks and removing the debris.

It appearing that the bid of the Baltimore Contracting and Wrecking Company, per Robert Padgett, Jr., President, to do the work for \$1,700 was the lowest bid submitted. The Board upon motion of the Treasurer, seconded by the Comptroller adopted the following resolu-

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tion:

Resolved, That the contract for cleaning up the sites of the State Tobacco Warehouses, cleaning and piling the bricks, half bricks old iron and other valuable salvage, and removing the debris be awarded to Robert J. Padgett, Jr., Pres. of the Baltimore Contracting and Wrecking Company for \$1,700. The Board directed the Secretary to see that a proper contract be prepared by the Attorney General looking to the doing of this work, is made at once.

The Comptroller moved that the request of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company for permission to construct a two-duct branch, &c., be granted with the understanding that this privilege may be revoked at any time and that the work be done under the supervision of the Chief Tobacco Inspector and his Deputies. The Chief Inspector, who was present, was directed to report to the Board when the work has been done, and whether it is satisfactory to him.

Mr. Aquila T. Robinson, Chief Tobacco Inspector, submitted to the Board for approval and payment certain bills amounting to \$843.67.

On motion, the Comptroller was instructed to pay these bills out of the money appropriated at the last session of the Legislature for the furnishing of Warehouse No. 4, the amount of same to be charged against the money received from insurance on the burned Warehouses as provided in said Act. The Comptroller was requested to submit to the Board at its next meeting a list of the bills paid with amount of each.

On motion of the Comptroller, seconded by the Treasurer, the Chief Tobacco Inspector was authorized to provide fire shutters for Tobacco Warehouse No. 4, at a price not to exceed \$200, said shutters to meet the approval of the Fire Underwriters Board of Baltimore City before the bill for same is paid.

On motion of the Treasurer, seconded by the Comptroller, the Chief Inspector was authorized to employ the City Surveyor of Baltimore City to plat the property of the State formerly covered by the burned warehouses.

Mr. Wm. J. Frere of Charles County, appeared before the Board to present his application for appointment as Captain of the Oyster Police Boat "Bessie Jones". He was accompanied by Dr. P. E. Sasscer, Saml. Cox, Jr., and Mr. P. Reed Wells, who heartily endorsed him for the position. His application was filed for consideration at the meeting to be held June 16th, in accordance with the resolu-

tion previously adopted.

There being no further business, the Board, on motion, adjourned at 1:15 p. m.

Oswald Tilghman, Secretary.

